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Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   An e-mail communication method comprising the steps of:

inserting ~~in an e-mail message~~ a voice conference identifier in an e-mail message from an initiating party to a recipient party, the voice conference identifier comprising a voice conference call list ~~identifying~~ specifying a data source of potential conference call nodes and further comprising an executable voice communications link program component, the executable voice communications link program component comprising a binary representation of a compiled object for establishing a voice communications link between the conference call nodes;

transmitting said e-mail message to [[a]] the recipient party at a recipient node[[,]] ~~wherein responsive to said recipient selecting said voice conference identifier, a voice conference call between selected ones of said identified conference call nodes is established~~;

causing the recipient node to display a plurality of selectable voice communications icons in response to detection of the voice conference identifier at the recipient node, each selectable voice communications icon uniquely corresponding to a particular conference call node specified by the data source; and

establishing a voice communications link between the recipient node and at least one conference call node using the executable voice communications link program component in response to a selection of at least one of the plurality of selectable voice communications icons.

2.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 1, wherein said conference call is established using Voice over IP (VoIP) based voice communications links.

3.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 1, wherein said conference call is established using telephony-based voice communications links over a public switched telephone network (PSTN).

4.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 1, wherein said voice conference call list specifies telephone numbers for said identified conference call nodes.

5.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 1, wherein said voice conference call list specifies IP addresses for said identified conference call nodes.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Cancelled)

8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Currently Amended)   An e-mail communication method comprising the steps of:

in an e-mail message from an initiating party to a recipient party at a recipient node, detecting at the recipient node a voice conference identifier comprising a voice conference call list identifying specifying a data source of potential conference call nodes in an e-mail message received by a recipient at a recipient node and further comprising an executable voice communications link program component, the executable voice communications link program component comprising a binary representation of a compiled object for establishing a voice communications link between the conference call nodes;

responsive to detecting said voice conference identifier at the recipient node, displaying at least one selectable icon causing the recipient node to display a plurality of selectable voice communications icons, each selectable voice communications icon uniquely corresponding to a particular conference call node specified by the data source; and

responsive to a selection of [[said]] at least one of the plurality of selectable voice communications [[icon]] icons, establishing a voice conference call communications link between selected ones of said identified conference call nodes the recipient node and at least one conference call node using the executable voice communications link program component.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 9, wherein said voice conference call list includes telephone numbers for said identified conference call nodes.

14.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 9, wherein said voice conference call list includes IP addresses for said identified conference call nodes.

15.   (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 9, wherein said voice conference call is established using Voice over IP (VoIP) based voice communications links.

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16. (Original)   The e-mail communication method of claim 9, wherein said voice conference call is established using telephony-based voice communications links over a public switched telephone network (PSTN).

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended)   An electronic mail (e-mail) message comprising:

header information, said header information identifying a sending node and [[a]] at least one recipient node;

a message portion, said message portion displaying content from said sending node to said recipient node; and

a voice conference identifier comprising a voice conference call list specifying a data source of potential conference call nodes to be connected via a voice conference call, ~~wherein said recipient node is a conference call node~~ and further comprising an executable voice communications link program component, the executable voice communications link program component comprising a binary representation of a compiled object for establishing a voice communications link between the conference call nodes;

the e-mail message being an e-mail message sent from an initiating party to a recipient party at a recipient node; and

the voice conference call identifier being configured to cause the recipient node to display a plurality of selectable voice communications icons in response to detection of the voice conference identifier at the recipient node, each selectable voice communications icon corresponding to a particular conference call node specified by the data source such that a selection of at least one of the plurality of selectable voice communications icons establishes a voice communications link between the recipient

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node and at least one conference call node using the executable voice communications link program component in response.

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Currently Amended)   A machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

inserting in an e-mail message a voice conference identifier in an e-mail message from an initiating party to a recipient party, the voice conference identifier comprising a voice conference call list identifying specifying a data source of potential conference call nodes and further comprising an executable voice communications link program component, the executable voice communications link program component comprising a binary representation of a compiled object for establishing a voice communications link between the conference call nodes;

transmitting said e-mail message to [[a]] the recipient party at a recipient node[[,]] wherein responsive to said recipient selecting said voice conference identifier, a voice conference call between selected ones of said identified conference call nodes is established ;

causing the recipient node to display a plurality of selectable voice communications icons in response to detection of the voice conference identifier at the recipient node, each selectable voice communications icon uniquely corresponding to a particular conference call node specified by the data source; and

establishing a voice communications link between the recipient node and at least one conference call node using the executable voice communications link program component in response to a selection of at least one of the plurality of selectable voice communications icons.

21. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 20, wherein said conference call is established using a Voice over IP (VoIP) based voice communications links.

22. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 20, wherein said conference call is established using telephony-based voice communications links over a public switched telephone network (PSTN).

23. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 20, wherein said voice conference call list specifies telephone numbers for said identified conference call nodes.

24. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 20, wherein said voice conference call list specifies IP addresses for said identified conference call nodes.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

in an e-mail message from an initiating party to a recipient party at a recipient node, detecting at the recipient node a voice conference identifier comprising a voice conference call list identifying specifying a data source of potential conference call nodes in an e mail message received by a recipient at a recipient node and further

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comprising an executable voice communications link program component, the executable
voice communications link program component comprising a binary representation of a
compiled object for establishing a voice communications link between the conference
call nodes;

responsive to detecting said voice conference identifier at the recipient node,
~~displaying at least one selectable icon~~ causing the recipient node to display a plurality of
selectable voice communications icons, each selectable voice communications icon
uniquely corresponding to a particular conference call node specified by the data source;
and

responsive to a selection of [[said]] at least one of the plurality selectable voice
communications [[icon]] icons, establishing a voice ~~conference call~~ communications link
between ~~selected ones of said identified conference call nodes~~ the recipient node and at
least one conference call node using the executable voice communications link program
component.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 28, wherein said voice
conference call list includes telephone numbers for said identified conference call nodes.

33. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 28, wherein said voice
conference call list includes IP addresses for said identified conference call nodes.

34. (Original)   The machine readable storage of claim 28, wherein said voice conference call is established using Voice over IP (VoIP) based voice communications links.

35. (Original)   The machine readable storage of claim 28, wherein said voice conference call is established using telephony-based voice communications links over a public switched telephone network (PSTN).

36. (Currently Amended)   The machine readable storage of claim 28, said establishing step further comprising:

responsive to said recipient party selecting at least one of said plurality of selectable voice communications [[icon]] icons, determining a telephone number or an IP address for said selected ones of said identified conference call nodes based on said voice conference call list.

37. (Currently Amended)   An electronic mail client comprising:

a conventional electronic mail processor, said conventional electronic mail processor extracting and displaying message text encapsulated in a received an electronic mail message sent from an initiating party to a recipient party and received in a recipient node; and,

a voice conference processor, said voice conference processor identifying a voice conference identifier encapsulated in said received electronic mail, displaying at least one a plurality of selectable [[icon]] icons in response to detecting said voice conference identifier, and responsive to a selection of [[said]] at least one said plurality of selectable [[icon]] icons, establishing a voice conference call between selected conference call nodes specified by said voice conference identifier based on an executable voice communications link program component contained in the voice conference identifier

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and comprising a binary representation of a compiled object for establishing a voice communications link between the conference call nodes.